

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP - TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

COMBINED AGENDA - REGULAR MEETING

March 12, 2024 – 8:00 PM Public Open Session

The Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, is open and is following the CDC's current guidelines. The meeting will be live streamed and can be found by clicking on the "Watch a Meeting Live" icon on the home page, www.bernards.org and can also be viewed live on Optimum/Cablevision TV - Channel 15 and Verizon FiOS TV - Channel 35.

Estimated Times

A G E N D A

8:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** Video
- 2. FLAG SALUTE**
- 3. MAYOR'S OPENING MEETING STATEMENT**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)**

8:05 PM

- 6. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Resolution #2024-0170 - Recognizing Ridge High Wrestling Team 2024 New Jersey Group 4 State Champions, North 2 Group 4 Sectional Champions, Somerset County Champions, Virginia Duals National Division 3rd Place
 - B. Resolution #2024-0171 - In Recognition of Girl Scouts Week March 10th to 16th
 - C. Resolution #2024-0172 - Commendation on Attaining Bronze and Silver Awards Girl Scouts of the USA

8:15 PM

- 7. PUBLIC WORK SESSION (if required)**
- 8. REPORTS**
- 9. CORRESPONDENCE**
 - A. Community Development Block Grant Application – Community Hope, Inc.
- 10. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 11. STAFF COMMENTS, TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND BOARD / LIAISON REPORTS**
- 12. FIRE & RESCUE APPOINTMENT**
- 13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Ordinance #2546 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Police Regulations, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Bernards, To Add A New Section 3-20 Entitled "Resident Protection" – Public Hearing
- 14. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Consent Agenda
The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Township Committee for reading and study, are posted on the agenda on the website, are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by township committee action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.
 - 1) Resolution #2024-0164 - Approval of the Bill List Dated 03/12/2024



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if accommodations are required, including assistive listening devices (ALD).

- 2) Resolution #2024-0166 - Authorization for Tax Refund
 - 3) Resolution #2024-0167 - Personnel Appointment Omar Caponpon – Patrol Officer – Police Department
 - 4) Resolution #2024-0168 - Bernards Township is Authorizing a Down Payment Affordability Assistance Grant Pursuant to the Township Ordinance #2420 to Lakira Bryant, 4109 Hackleberry Square, Block 9001, Lot 41.11 in the Amount of Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars
 - 5) Resolution #2024-0169 - Bernards Township is Authorizing a Down Payment Affordability Assistance Grant Pursuant to the Township Ordinance #2420 to Wambui N. Gathu and Peter J. Mwaura, 3903 Balsam Way, Block 9001, Lot 39.05 in the Amount of Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty Six (\$6,446.00) Dollars
 - 6) Resolution #2024-0173 - Awarding Professional Services Contract for Professional Engineering Services for an HVAC Load and Energy Analysis at the Bernards Township Library to James A. Trynosky, P.E., NJ Lic # 24GE04949400 of the firm The Falcon Group In the Not to Exceed Amount of \$ 7,000.00.
 - 7) Resolution #2024-0177 - Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a Grant Entitled 2024-2025 Application for Funding Municipal Alliances for the Purpose of Providing Funding for the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance
- B. Resolution #2024-0174 - Supporting NJ State Legislature Bill A-3806 and S-2819 Establishing Rebuttable Presumption Of Pretrial Detention And Increasing Penalties For Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses; Authorizing Home Detention For Minors Adjudicated Delinquent For Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses; Establishing Grants For Underage Auto-Theft Risk Deterrence Pilot Program In Juvenile Justice Commission; Appropriating \$7 Million
- C. Ordinance #2547 - An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards Appropriating \$1,035,000.00 for Various Capital Improvements – Introduction
- D. Approval of Minutes
02/27/2024 Open Session Minutes

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required)

16. ADJOURNMENT

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk

(Note: Copies of Resolutions and other supporting documents listed on this agenda can be found on the pages below)



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Resolution of the Township of Bernards

1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
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Resolution #2024-0170

Recognizing Ridge High Wrestling Team

2024 New Jersey Group 4 State Champions, North 2 Group 4 Sectional Champions, Somerset County Champions, Virginia Duals National Division 3rd Place

WHEREAS, Ridge High Wrestling Team competed in the 2023-2024 season; and

WHEREAS, the Ridge High Wrestling Team consists of the following students and their coaches;

Captain – Kevin Taylor
Captain – Gavin Duran
Captain – Will Corbett
Captain – Joe Samaan
Tanner Connelly
Owen O’Leary
Cal Reynolds
Matt Cash
Lenny Paolillo

Gavin Duran
Ryan Yang
Izzy Imperial
Ryan Engle
Reese Carvelli
Alex Schwed
Jared Mark
David Sela
Sam Ginn

JT Kim
Alex Muntyan
Anthony Valera
Nathan Engdahl
Guilherme Sartorio
Ray Kuper
Christopher Oliver

Coaches: Roy Dragon III, Roy Dragon, Jr., Stephen Daubert, Jr., Taylor Boehmer, Ron Rumsby, Rachel Engle, Mike Mancino

WHEREAS, the team exhibited tremendous teamwork, flexibility, and ingenuity under the Coaches’ leadership; and

WHEREAS, Ridge High Wrestling 2023-2024 Team has won the Somerset County Championship Tournament, the North 2 Group 4 Sectional Championship, the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Group 4 State Championship, and took 3rd place in the Virginia Duals National Division; and

WHEREAS, Bernards Township is extremely proud to be the Ridge High School Wrestling Team’s hometown and wishes to recognize and honor them in their accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby recognize and congratulate the Ridge High Wrestling Team and their Coaches on their impressive accomplishments and their extraordinary commitment to teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2024-0171
In Recognition of Girl Scouts Week
March 10th to 16th

WHEREAS, March 10th - 16th 2024 marks the 112th anniversary of Girl Scout Week as designated by Girl Scouts of the USA founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Girl Scouts of the USA it to “build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place” through honesty, fairness, compassion, and sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women to strive for the highest ideals of character, conduct and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, through Girl Scouts, girls grow strong, gain self-confidence, develop leadership skills and learn the lifelong lesson of contributing back to their communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 2.5 million current Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 110 years of this American tradition, with nearly 50 million women who are former girl scouts and living proof of the impact of this amazing movement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards hereby recognizes March 10th to 16th as Girl Scouts Week; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESVOLED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a copy of this resolution be spread in full in the official minutes of the Township Committee for March 12, 2024.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

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I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution 2024-0172

Commendation on Attaining Bronze and Silver Awards
Girl Scouts of the USA

WHEREAS, the mission of Girl Scouts of the USA is to “build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place” through honesty, fairness, compassion, and sisterhood going above and beyond to make a difference in her community; and

WHEREAS, the Bronze Award, Silver Award, and Gold Award are the most prestigious awards that Girl Scouts can earn; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards wishes to recognize the following girls for their achievements:

2023 Bronze Award:

Troop 61115 – Kristina Winterfeldt and Julianne Kane, Troop Leaders

Alexandria Winterfeldt

Elise Asay

Alexandra Marino

Lyla Wolsky

Annabelle Brooks

Maya Furst

Grace Novak

Antonina Kane

Isabella Lucariello

Troop 63009 – Catherine Ellis and Karne McLaughlin, Troop Leaders

Rachel Ellis

Emily Grobe

Natalie Tomaich

Lenora Talbot

Hope Sordillo

Chelsea Sordillo

Avery Bollaro

2023 Silver Award:

Troop 60608 – Elizabeth White and Marisa Steel, Troop

Leaders

Katie White

Troop 62038 – Alka Solanki Troop Leader

Jaina Solanki

Victoria Agostino

Winter Karl-Gruswitz

Aishani Mandalia

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards congratulates each girl for their personal achievement which will serve as a reminder of the importance of the pursuit of excellence throughout their life.

Agenda Date and Vote: 03/12/2024

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk

Christine Kieffer

From: Christine Kieffer
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 2:56 PM
To: Christine Kieffer
Subject: FW: Somerset County CDBG Municipal Meeting - 3/12/24
Attachments: 2024 Community Hope Public Service Project Application-Contract CY-COM-0005-24.pdf

A summary of the Community Development Block Grant Application to Somerset County to be submitted by Community Hope can be found below.

A full copy of the application is on file, and can be viewed at, the Municipal Clerk's Office, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, M – F, 8:30Am – 4:30 PM.

From: Johanna Rodda <JRodda@communityhope-nj.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Christine Kieffer <ckieffer@bernards.org>
Subject: Somerset County CDBG Municipal Meeting - 3/12/24

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear Christine,

Please find attached Community Hope's final draft of the 2024 CDBG application to Somerset County. The project for which we are requesting funding is for our **Employment Training Program** at our Hope for Veterans Transitional Housing Program in Somerset County.

I am requesting that this be included in your agenda at your township committee meeting on 3/12/24. I confirm that our Managing Director, Jenn Stivers, will be in attendance at this meeting.

Page 15 is the Mayor's page which I am requesting be executed at the time of the meeting. Please provide us with the signed copy.

Let me know if you need anything else to process this request. Thanks so much!

Best,
Johanna Rodda
Grants Manager
Community Hope, Inc.
959 Route 46 East, Suite 402
Parsippany, NJ 07054
973-463-9600 ext. 314

Please join us at our upcoming events:
5th Annual VetFest Food Truck and Music Festival
Sunday, May 5 – noon (rain date Sunday, May 19)



Ordinance of the Township of Bernards

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ORDINANCE #2546

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3, Police Regulations,
Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Bernards,
To Add A New Section 3-20 Entitled “Resident Protection”

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 et seq., the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards is authorized under State law to establish ordinances to preserve the public peace and order; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards, in particular, has seen a disturbing surge in motor vehicle thefts, burglaries, and home invasions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee seeks to adopt the within ordinance to help protect our residents from property, personal, and violent crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the township committee of the township of bernards, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 3 of the Revised General Ordinances, Police Regulations, shall be amended and supplemented to add a new section 3-20 as follows: (new text is in double underline; deletions are ~~stricken~~):

§3-20 Resident Protection

§3-20.1 Purpose and Scope

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Township of Bernards by establishing certain provisions that are intended to protect the security of the residents in the Township from criminal and intentional activities related to property, personal, and violent crimes.

§3-20.2 Motor Vehicle Protection

- (a) It shall be illegal and a violation of this ordinance for a person to knowingly enter or remain on any private driveway, private parking lot or other location on private property in the presence of a stationary motor vehicle, knowing that they are not licensed or privileged to enter or remain, and commit any of the following acts:

- (1) pull a door handle or take any action in an attempt to open or unlock a motor vehicle that the person does not own or have license or privilege to possess; or
 - (2) possess an electronic device that is capable of determining if an electronic key is located inside a motor vehicle.
- (b) It shall be illegal and a violation of this ordinance for a person knowingly to be present inside a motor vehicle if another occupant of the motor vehicle committed a violation of subsection (a) prior to their entry into the motor vehicle.

§3-20.3 Residence Protection

- (a) It shall be illegal and a violation of this ordinance for a person to knowingly enter or remain on any private property they are not licensed or privileged to enter or remain, and commit any of the following acts:
- (1) pull a door handle, turn a doorknob, or take any action in an attempt to open, unlock, or gain entry into a house, apartment, garage, or other structure that the person does not own or have license or privilege to enter or remain; or
 - (2) enter any house, apartment, garage, or other structure that the person does not own or have license or privilege to enter or remain.
- (b) It shall be illegal and a violation of this ordinance for a person to be knowingly present inside any house, apartment, garage, or other structure if another occupant committed a violation of subsection (a) prior to their entry into the house, apartment, garage, or other structure.
- (c) It shall be illegal and a violation of this ordinance for a person to be knowingly present inside a motor vehicle if another occupant of the motor vehicle committed a violation of subsection (a) prior to their entry into the motor vehicle.

§3-20.4 Penalties

- (a) A violation of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or by imprisonment for a term not to exceed ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, or by a period of community service not to exceed ninety (90) days at the discretion of the judge. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum penalty shall be a fine of one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the first offense and two-thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each subsequent offense.
- (b) Each act that constitutes a violation of this ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct act that constitutes its own violation.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any paragraph, section, subsection, sentence, sentence clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a

separate, distinct and independent provision of such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs or sections hereof.

SECTION 3. INCONSISTENCY. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

This ordinance amends and supplements Chapter III, Police Regulations, of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Bernards to add a new section 3-20 entitled "Resident Protection" to prohibit knowingly trespassing for the purpose of committing a crime, including tampering with or committing the theft or unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, breaking and entering, burglary, and home invasion.

Date: February 27, 2024

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ordinance #2546 was introduced and passed on first reading by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset on 02/27/2024 and then ordered to be published according to law. It will be further considered for final passage and adoption at a public hearing held at a meeting of the Township Committee at the Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ in said township on 03/12/2024, at 8 P.M., when and where, or at such time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance. A complete text of this ordinance is available in the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Copies are also available via e-mail from ckieffer@bernards.org.

By Order of the Township Committee
Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
908-766-2510; www.bernards.org

Resolution #2024-0164 Approval of the Bill List Dated 03/12/2024

BE IT RESOLVED, that the bill list dated 03/12/2024 be audited, and if found correct, be paid.

March 12, 2024
10:34 AM

TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
Check Register By Check Date

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Range of Checking Accts: CASH - CHECKING to CASH - CHECKING Range of Check Dates: 03/12/24 to 03/12/24
Report Type: All Checks Report Format: Super Condensed Check Type: Computer: Y Manual: Y Dir Deposit: Y

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void Ref Num
CASH - CHECKING CURRENT CHECKING				
139174	03/12/24	90026 DEPOORTERE, PAT	15.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139175	03/12/24	90220 BETTLER, DENNIS	30.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139176	03/12/24	90342 BAHLMAN, RICH	37.32	1745 Direct Deposit
139177	03/12/24	90400 ALBANESE, CHRISTOPHER	52.60	1745 Direct Deposit
139178	03/12/24	90504 COWELL, TRICIA	200.07	1745 Direct Deposit
139179	03/12/24	90639 ABOOSAMARA, DOMINICK	196.85	1745 Direct Deposit
139180	03/12/24	90640 MOORE, JD	380.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139181	03/12/24	90647 PFEIFFENBERGER, EMILY	30.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139182	03/12/24	90671 DOWD, NANCY	194.57	1745 Direct Deposit
139183	03/12/24	90719 FILIPOVITS, JOSHUA	43.82	1745 Direct Deposit
139184	03/12/24	90725 SURACE, RUSSELL	485.80	1745 Direct Deposit
139185	03/12/24	90734 COSTA, MICHAEL	20.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139186	03/12/24	A0425 ATLANTIC TACTICAL	328.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139187	03/12/24	A0453 AMAZON.COM	2,271.12	1745 Direct Deposit
139188	03/12/24	A0559 ARCARI IOVINO ARCHITECTS,PC	2,475.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139189	03/12/24	A0611 AMERICAN WEAR, INC	857.92	1745 Direct Deposit
139190	03/12/24	B0203 DIFRANCESCO BATEMAN, PC	5,442.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139191	03/12/24	B0581 BUY WISE AUTO PARTS	614.65	1745 Direct Deposit
139192	03/12/24	C0434 CENTRAL JERSEY CONSTRUCTION	14,027.22	1745 Direct Deposit
139193	03/12/24	C0597 CLIFFSIDE BODY CORPORATION	3,250.39	1745 Direct Deposit
139194	03/12/24	D0692 DRILLS, SKILLS & THRILLS	2,320.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139195	03/12/24	E0002 EDMUNDS GOVTECH	230.80	1745 Direct Deposit
139196	03/12/24	G0333 BEDMINSTER CAR WASH	409.20	1745 Direct Deposit
139197	03/12/24	K0354 KANOPY INC	430.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139198	03/12/24	M0165 METRO HYDRAULIC JACK CO.	458.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139199	03/12/24	M0353 MIDWEST TAPE LLC	2,155.53	1745 Direct Deposit
139200	03/12/24	M0823 MOOSEWOOD TREE SERVICE	6,000.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139201	03/12/24	M0898 MESSERCOLA EXCAVATING INC	14,836.22	1745 Direct Deposit
139202	03/12/24	O0135 OUTHUSE LLC	300.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139203	03/12/24	P0687 PETROCHOICE LLC	394.40	1745 Direct Deposit
139204	03/12/24	R0824 REPUBLIC SERVICES OF NJ LLC	1,251.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139205	03/12/24	S0016 STORR TRACTOR COMPANY	352.70	1745 Direct Deposit
139206	03/12/24	S0035 SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMP, LLC	1,117.04	1745 Direct Deposit
139207	03/12/24	S0135 CJHRC-CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING	6,534.76	1745 Direct Deposit
139208	03/12/24	S0227 SHEARON ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	26,566.64	1745 Direct Deposit
139209	03/12/24	S0741 SUBURBAN CONSULTING ENGINEERS	3,921.50	1745 Direct Deposit
139210	03/12/24	S0764 STERICYCLE	35.70	1745 Direct Deposit
139211	03/12/24	S1177 SAL ELECTRIC CO., INC.	5,837.36	1745 Direct Deposit
139212	03/12/24	T0055 T & M ASSOCIATES	600.00	1745 Direct Deposit
139213	03/12/24	T0066 CENGAGE LEARNING CREDIT SVCS	24.74	1745 Direct Deposit
139214	03/12/24	T0192 TURN OUT UNIFORMS INC	288.97	1745 Direct Deposit
139215	03/12/24	U0001 UNITEMP MECHANICAL DEGREES LLC	342.50	1745 Direct Deposit
139216	03/12/24	Z0041 ZERO WASTE USA	495.40	1745 Direct Deposit
139217	03/12/24	A0232 ARROW ELEVATOR, INC.	350.00	1746
139218	03/12/24	A0247 ARAMARK CORPORATION	106.91	1746
139219	03/12/24	A0562 AMCHAR WHOLESALE INC	10,270.00	1746
139220	03/12/24	A0716 ACB SERVICES INC	2,447.20	1746
139221	03/12/24	B0001 BAKER & TAYLOR, INC.	3,757.94	1746
139222	03/12/24	B0017 BRIDGEWATER RESOURCES, INC.	508.26	1746
139223	03/12/24	B0024 BEN SHAFFER RECREATION INC	133.95	1746
139224	03/12/24	B0026 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP CURRENT	12,779.17	1746
139225	03/12/24	B0031 BERNARDSVILLE PRINT CENTER	213.61	1746
139226	03/12/24	B0034 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PAYROLL ACCT	594,926.96	1746
139227	03/12/24	B0098 BERNARDS TOWNSHIP (RECREATION)	14,981.21	1746
139228	03/12/24	B0311 BOBCAT OF CENTRAL JERSEY	197.95	1746
139229	03/12/24	B0518 BERNARDSVILLE HARDWARE	38.25	1746
139230	03/12/24	B0868 BANGHART, FRANK JR.	1,438.55	1746
139231	03/12/24	C0024 GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	22.94	1746
139232	03/12/24	C0024 GANNETT NEW JERSEY NEWSPAPERS	24.80	1746
139233	03/12/24	C0136 RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY	450.00	1746
139234	03/12/24	C0482 OPTIMUM	137.95	1746
139235	03/12/24	C0482 OPTIMUM	13.54	1746
139236	03/12/24	C0482 OPTIMUM	44.95	1746
139237	03/12/24	C0482 OPTIMUM	33.34	1746
139238	03/12/24	C0566 CAREER DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE	218.00	1746
139239	03/12/24	C0613 CIGNA GROUP INSURANCE	1,600.68	1746
139240	03/12/24	C0681 CAST TECHNOLOGY, INC	560.00	1746
139241	03/12/24	C0697 BB&T/CPS	43.23	1746
139242	03/12/24	C0774 COLONIAL LIFE & ACC INSURANCE	539.52	1746
139243	03/12/24	C0946 CIOCCA PARTS WAREHOUSE	1,200.39	1746
139244	03/12/24	D0740 DOVER BRAKE & CLUTCH	501.33	1746
139245	03/12/24	E0342 EB EMPLOYEE SOLUTIONS, LLC	7,116.60	1746
139246	03/12/24	F0047 FULLERTON FORD	6,167.59	1746

139247	03/12/24	F0143	FORD, GERRY OR ANNA	150.00	1746
139248	03/12/24	F0158	FLEMINGTON DEPARTMENT STORE	218.25	1746
139249	03/12/24	F0324	FLAGSHIP DENTAL PLANS	108.74	1746
139250	03/12/24	F0326	FX AUTOMOTIVE LLC	468.40	1746
139251	03/12/24	F0330	FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS	389.70	1746
139252	03/12/24	G0005	GANN LAW BOOKS	191.00	1746
139253	03/12/24	G0032	GM FENCE	351.80	1746
139254	03/12/24	G0098	JCP&L	719.80	1746
139255	03/12/24	G0202	GRASS ROOTS TURF PRODUCTS, INC	6,126.00	1746
139256	03/12/24	G0509	GREEN ROCK RECYCLING	240.00	1746
139257	03/12/24	H0146	THE HON COMPANY LLC	3,379.05	1746
139258	03/12/24	H0448	HUDSON, VERONICA	100.00	1746
139259	03/12/24	K0259	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	123.54	1746
139260	03/12/24	K0331	KONICA MINOLTA PREMIER FINANCE	325.91	1746
139261	03/12/24	L0163	THE LAWNMOWER SHOP, INC.	83.93	1746
139262	03/12/24	M0178	MARK'S AUTO SERVICE	75.00	1746
139263	03/12/24	M0342	MORTON'S MARKETING RESOURCES	996.62	1746
139264	03/12/24	M0493	MCELROY, DEUTSCH, MULVANEY &	11,957.72	1746
139265	03/12/24	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	22.81	1746
139266	03/12/24	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	26.00	1746
139267	03/12/24	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	68.15	1746
139268	03/12/24	M0518	KONICA MINOLTA BUSINESS SOL.	50.00	1746
139269	03/12/24	M1041	MCCORMACK, CHRIS	99.00	1746
139270	03/12/24	M1042	MCKEEN, TONI	225.00	1746
139271	03/12/24	N0017	NJ STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPAL.	115.00	1746
139272	03/12/24	N0032	NJ STATE DEPT HEALTH/SR SVCS	746.40	1746
139273	03/12/24	N0311	NEW JERSEY EMERG PREP ASSN	400.00	1746
139274	03/12/24	N0389	NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	60.00	1746
139275	03/12/24	N0441	NEW JERSEY LINE-X	1,500.00	1746
139276	03/12/24	N0451	NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	68.80	1746
139277	03/12/24	N0462	N M PREMIUM FOODS, INC	423.75	1746
139278	03/12/24	O0100	OVERDRIVE, INC.	8.97	1746
139279	03/12/24	O0105	O.C.A. BENEFIT SERVICES, LLC	59.40	1746
139280	03/12/24	P0014	PUBLIC SERVICE ELEC. & GAS CO	4,582.35	1746
139281	03/12/24	P0251	PANASONIC/HEARTLAND SVCS, INC.	591.01	1746
139282	03/12/24	P0437	POS PAPER.COM	215.85	1746
139283	03/12/24	P0525	POWER PLACE, INC.	178.02	1746
139284	03/12/24	P0602	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	63.15	1746
139285	03/12/24	Q0002	CINTAS CORP. - #062	835.49	1746
139286	03/12/24	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	7.65	1746
139287	03/12/24	R0005	RECORDER PUBLISHING CO., INC	140.00	1746
139288	03/12/24	R0010	REIDER ASSOCIATES, INC.	60.00	1746
139289	03/12/24	R0023	RICHIES TIRE SERVICE, INC.	290.00	1746
139290	03/12/24	R0043	REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION OF NJ	225.00	1746
139291	03/12/24	R0825	RJP CONTRACTING LLC	703.58	1746
139292	03/12/24	R0836	REYNOLDS BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC	1,446.98	1746
139293	03/12/24	R0841	REED SYSTEMS, LTD	47.08	1746
139294	03/12/24	S0327	ADT COMMERCIAL LLC	975.00	1746
139295	03/12/24	S0628	STATE OF NEW JERSEY-HB	202,894.18	1746
139296	03/12/24	S0875	SUNLIGHT GENERAL CAPITAL	109.10	1746
139297	03/12/24	S1057	SOMERSET VALLEY URGENT CARE	56.50	1746
139298	03/12/24	S1191	SAVO,SCHALK,CORSINI,GILLESPIE,	3,515.50	1746
139299	03/12/24	S1218	SKOPYE, LLC	108,584.00	1746
139300	03/12/24	S1224	SCHOOL OUTFITTERS LLC	2,255.52	1746
139301	03/12/24	S1231	SILVER LIVING, LLC	1,093.36	1746
139302	03/12/24	T0002	TOMAHAWK LIVE TRAP CO.	95.26	1746
139303	03/12/24	T0049	TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY	280.94	1746
139304	03/12/24	T0346	TUCKAHOE TURF FARM	675.00	1746
139305	03/12/24	T0372	TLO, LLC	175.00	1746
139306	03/12/24	U0132	UNION COUNTY SEATING & SUPPLY	450.00	1746
139307	03/12/24	V0056	VERIZON WIRELESS	247.86	1746
139308	03/12/24	V0058	VERIZON	182.70	1746
139309	03/12/24	V0058	VERIZON	94.88	1746
139310	03/12/24	V0058	VERIZON	648.87	1746
139311	03/12/24	V0058	VERIZON	42.19	1746
139312	03/12/24	V0094	V. ROCHE & SON, LLC	560.00	1746
139313	03/12/24	V0124	VERIZON BUSINESS FIOS	713.74	1746
139314	03/12/24	V0177	VERIZON	338.36	1746
139315	03/12/24	V0185	VERIZON CONNECT	776.95	1746
139316	03/12/24	W0016	WARRENVILLE TRUE VALUE	306.79	1746
139317	03/12/24	W0078	WORK 'N WEAR STORE	670.00	1746
139318	03/12/24	W0223	WIRELESS ELECTRONICS, LLC	415.00	1746
139319	03/12/24	X0003	XEROX CORPORATION	224.12	1746
139320	03/12/24	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	526.97	1746
139321	03/12/24	X0005	XTEL COMMUNICATION	1,863.76	1746

Check #	Check Date	Vendor	Amount Paid		Reconciled/Void	Ref Num
Report Totals			Paid	Void	Amount Paid	Amount Void
		Checks:	105	0	1,028,861.27	0.00
		Direct Deposit:	43	0	105,854.79	0.00
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
		Total:	148	0	1,134,716.06	0.00

Totals by Year-Fund					
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	G/L Total	Total
CURRENT FUND	3-01	15,397.67	0.00	0.00	15,397.67
CURRENT FUND	4-01	989,730.27	0.00	0.00	989,730.27
DOG FUND	4-12	921.66	0.00	0.00	921.66
GOLF COURSE UTILITY	4-26	32,804.14	0.00	0.00	32,804.14
Year Total:		1,023,456.07	0.00	0.00	1,023,456.07
CAPITAL FUND	C-04	24,798.31	0.00	0.00	24,798.31
PUBLIC GRANTS	G-02	3,395.53	0.00	0.00	3,395.53
TRUST FUNDS	T-13	50,720.62	0.00	0.00	50,720.62
PROJECTS		16,947.86	0.00	0.00	16,947.86
Total Of All Funds:		1,134,716.06	0.00	0.00	1,134,716.06

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2024-0166 Authorization for Tax Refund

WHEREAS, the following tax overpayment exists due to receipt of property tax money and the property becoming Veteran Exempt; and

WHEREAS, the overpayment must be returned to the Veteran property owner to clear the account; and

WHEREAS, the tax collector is recommending a refund be issued.

Block/Lot	Quarter/Year	Amount	Issue Refund to
9203/3.05/CONDO	1Q 2024	\$1,438.55	Frank Banghart Jr. 23 Baldwin Ct Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that we do hereby approve and authorize these refunds.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

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Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT:

This property was granted a Veteran Exemption from property taxes. As such, the above payment received is due back to the Veteran property owner. I recommend a refund be issued to clear this account.

Kevin Sant'Angelo, Tax Collector



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Resolution #2024-0167

Personnel Appointment

Omar Caponpon – Patrol Officer – Police Department

WHEREAS the full-time position of Patrol Officer became vacant due to an interim restructuring; and

WHEREAS the Chief of Police, Township Administrator and Human Resources Officer have deemed it necessary to fill this position; and

WHEREAS Omar Caponpon has applied for and is qualified to fill said position; and

WHEREAS the Chief of Police, Township Administrator and Human Resources Officer recommend appointment of Omar Caponpon to full-time Patrol Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that Omar Caponpon be appointed full-time Patrol Officer effective Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at an annual salary of \$55,992.00 which is in accordance with the Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local No. 357 Contract.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

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Christin V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

A Patrol Officer position became available due to an interim restructuring. This restructuring is in an effort to keep the department fully staffed and to attract/obtain qualified candidates while the department handles the potential for retirements ahead. The position was approved and advertised as per Township policy. Omar Caponpon applied for the position and is qualified to fill said position. Mr. Caponpon comes to Bernards Township as a certified Special Law Enforcement Officer Class II and law enforcement experience with the Essex County Sheriff's Office.

Carol Ackerman, Assistant HR Manager



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Resolution #2024-0168

Bernards Township is Authorizing a Down Payment Affordability Assistance Grant Pursuant to the Township Ordinance #2420 to Lakira Bryant, 4109 Hackleberry Square, Block 9001, Lot 41.11 in the Amount of Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars

WHEREAS, Lakira Bryant, single (the “Homeowner”) is the contract purchaser of property designated as Lot 41.11 in Block 9001 (*formerly identified as Lot 41.09 in Block 178.03*) on the Tax Map of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, commonly known as 4109 Hackleberry Square (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Homeowner seeks monetary assistance in the form of a grant through the Bernards Township Housing Down Payment Affordability Assistance Program for the purpose of buying an Affordable Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Township has an authorized down payment affordability assistance program pursuant to Ordinance #2420, Section 21.85.3d.; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of any Township grant shall not exceed \$8,000 and the Township shall not award more than four grants per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, based on the requirements of Ordinance #2420, the Homeowner has met the obligations for and is entitled to an Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) grant (the “Grant”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township Committee of Bernards Township, County of Somerset, hereby authorizes the Grant provided the Homeowner occupy the Affordable Unit as a principal residence and own no other real property or dwelling.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. Monies are available in the 2024 Affordable Housing Trust Fund line acct # T-13-56-055-COA.

Date: March 1, 2024

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine Kieffer, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

There is established a down payment affordability assistance program, funded by developer fees, payable only from the Township Housing Trust Fund and administered through the Township of Bernards affordable housing program, for purchasers who seek to purchase low- or moderate-income condominium units as part of program. Prospective homeowners will not receive direct funds. Funds will be made available at closing to the appropriate attorney trust account. The assistance dollars will be supplied to the appropriate entity/entities.

Susan Long, Municipal Housing Liaison



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Resolution #2024-0169

Bernards Township is Authorizing a Down Payment Affordability Assistance Grant Pursuant to the Township Ordinance #2420 to Wambui N. Gathu and Peter J. Mwaura, 3903 Balsam Way, Block 9001, Lot 39.05 in the Amount of Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty Six (\$6,446.00) Dollars

WHEREAS, Wambui N. Gathu and Peter J. Mwaura, (the “Homeowners”) are the contract purchaser’s of property designated as Lot 39.05 in Block 9001 (*formerly identified as Lot 39.03 in Block 178.03*) on the Tax Map of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, commonly known as 3903 Balsam Way (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Homeowners seek monetary assistance in the form of a grant through the Bernards Township Housing Down Payment Affordability Assistance Program for the purpose of buying an Affordable Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Township has an authorized down payment affordability assistance program pursuant to Ordinance #2420, Section 21.85.3d.; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of any Township grant shall not exceed \$8,000 and the Township shall not award more than four grants per calendar year; and

WHEREAS, based on the requirements of Ordinance #2420, the Homeowner has met the obligations for and is entitled to a Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty Six (\$6,446.00) grant (the “Grant”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township Committee of Bernards Township, County of Somerset, hereby authorizes the Grant provided the Homeowners occupy the Affordable Unit as a principal residence and own no other real property or dwelling.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced expenditure in the amount not to exceed \$6,446.00. Monies are available in the 2024 Affordable Housing Trust Fund line acct # T-13-56-055-COA.

Date: March 1, 2024

Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine Kieffer, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

There is established a down payment affordability assistance program, funded by developer fees, payable only from the Township Housing Trust Fund and administered through the Township of Bernards affordable housing program, for purchasers who seek to purchase low- or moderate-income condominium units as part of program. Prospective homeowners will not receive direct funds. Funds will be made available at closing to the appropriate attorney trust account. The assistance dollars will be supplied to the appropriate entity/entities.

Susan Long, Municipal Housing Liaison



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Resolution #2024-0173

Awarding Professional Services Contract for Professional Engineering Services for an HVAC Load and Energy Analysis at the Bernards Township Library to James A. Trynosky, P.E., NJ Lic # 24GE04949400 of the firm The Falcon Group
In the Not to Exceed Amount of \$ 7,000.00

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards requires Professional Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, James A. Trynosky, P.E. of the firm The Falcon Group, 682 US Hwy 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, has submitted a proposal dated February 23, 2024 outlining Professional Engineering Services to the Township; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, this professional services contract is not subject to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, *et seq* and Section 2-34 of the "Township Ordinances" as the Contract is under the threshold for the ordinance as well; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in the Building Maintenance Projects line account # 4-01-LI-R01-C05 line item appropriation or ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a professional service contract be awarded to The Falcon Group, 682 US Hwy 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ 08807, as follows:

1. The contract will encompass services as outlined in the submitted proposal dated February 23, 2024.
2. The contract term is from March 12, 2024 through September 30, 2024 for the preparation of professionally developed HVAC Load and Energy Analyses at the Bernards Township Library not to exceed an amount of \$ 7,000.00.
3. Billings must be rendered by the contractor within 30 days of service delivery.
4. **Any modification to this contract shall be in writing and signed by both parties and upon obtaining said signatures shall immediately become part of the contract.**
5. **No payments in excess of the "not to exceed" contract amounts will be approved, unless such services/expenditures are negotiated and agreed upon in advance of service delivery.**
6. As required by law, the parties to this contract agree to incorporate into this contract the mandatory affirmative action language promulgated by the Treasurer pursuant to P.L. 1975, c.127, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A.
7. This contract shall, for all purposes, be deemed a NJ Contract and any provisions of this contract shall be governed and interpreted with the Laws of the State of New Jersey.
8. The contractor shall report directly to Rachel Burt, Library Director, who will be the chief contact for the Township of Bernards on this project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that a copy of the resolution be placed on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Bernards Township Purchasing Agent.

I agree to the terms as stated in the Resolution and by signing this document I, am committed to follow all terms of this award.

James Trynosky, P.E., LEED AP NJ Lic # 24GE04949400
Executive V.P.

Agenda and Date Voted: 03/12/2024

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Bernards Township Library Board of Trustees wishes to have a summary of various options that exist for the eventual replacement of the Library's HVAC system. The Falcon Group has extensive experience developing effective and useable HVAC Load and Energy Analyses and has worked with the Library on other capital assessments in the past. They have submitted a proposal for Professional Engineering Services for HVAC Load and Energy Analyses, prepared under the supervision of James Trynosky, P.E., LEED AP, Executive Vice-President. It is my recommendation to award a professional services contract to James Trynosky of The Falcon Group to complete this project.

Date: 03/12/2024

Name: Rachel Burt
Title: Library Director

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of Bernards Township, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced purchase in the not to exceed amount of \$7,000.00. Monies are available in Building Maintenance Projects, line account # 4-01-LI-R01-C05.

Date: March 6, 2024



Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer

PURCHASING CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have prepared this resolution and reviewed it for accuracy.


For Purchasing Agent

Date: March 6, 2024

Francis J. Decibus, QPA, Purchasing Agent

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 03/12/2024.

Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2024-0177

Authorizing Submission of a Grant Application to the Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a Grant Entitled 2024-2025 Application for Funding Municipal Alliances for the Purpose of Providing Funding for the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance

WHEREAS, the Municipal Alliance Coordinator is recommending the Township Committee approve a grant application to the Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a grant entitled “2024-2025 Application for Funding Municipal Alliances”, which would provide \$10,107.42 for the purpose of funding the township program, project, or facility known as the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires a 75% match of \$7,580.56 in in-kind services and a 25% cash match of \$2,526.86 to be provided by Bernards Township with funds being available in Account: 2024 Budget Request – Outside CAP Township Grant Match as certified below by the Chief Financial Officer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that it does hereby authorize submission of a grant application to the Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for a grant entitled “2024-2025 Application for Funding Municipal Alliances” for the purpose of funding the township program, project, or facility known as the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that Kaitlin Cartoccio of the Bernards Township Health Department will serve as the project manager for this grant application; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards, that the Mayor, Project Manager, and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant on behalf of the township.

Agenda and Date Voted: 3/12/2024

CFO CERTIFICATION

I, Sean McCarthy, Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Bernards, hereby certify that adequate funds are available for the above referenced grant match in the in-kind amount of \$7,580.56 and cash match amount of \$2,526.86. Monies will be made available in the 2024 Budget Request – Outside CAP Township Grant Match and the Municipal Alliance Trust Fund Acct.

Date: March 12, 2024

Sean McCarthy, CFO

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes a contract between Bernards Township and the Governors Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for funding of personnel and supplies for the activities of the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance Against Substance Abuse.

Date: March 6, 2024

Kaitlin Cartoccio
Health Educator /Municipal Alliance Coordinator

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 3/12/2024.

Christine Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



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Resolution #2024-0174

Supporting NJ State Legislature Bill A-3806 and S-2819

Establishing Rebuttable Presumption Of Pretrial Detention And Increasing Penalties For Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses; Authorizing Home Detention For Minors Adjudicated Delinquent For Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses; Establishing Grants For Underage Auto-Theft Risk Deterrence Pilot Program In Juvenile Justice Commission; Appropriating \$7 Million

WHEREAS, there has been a dramatic increase in car thefts and related crimes in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the surge in car thefts has resulted in heightened community fears, financial burdens on victims, and amplified insurance costs, highlighting the multifaceted economic and social repercussions of car theft on the well-being of New Jersey residents; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township has been proactive in addressing safety concerns by increasing police resources, adjusting law enforcement activities, enhancing coordination efforts, and advocating for legislative measures to tackle auto theft and related crimes; and

WHEREAS, the rise in car thefts is not confined to Bernards Township, but is a statewide, concern, with similar trends observed across the State, necessitating proactive, statewide measures to curb this alarming trend; and

WHEREAS, Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis and Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz have introduced A-3806, and Senator Jon Bramnick has introduced S-2819, aiming to deter motor vehicle thefts by implementing stricter criminal penalties and supporting community-based intervention; and

WHEREAS, A-3806 and S-2819 propose establishment of a rebuttable presumption of pretrial detention for motor vehicle theft offenses. Enhancement of penalties for motor vehicle theft offenses, elevating them to second-degree crimes regardless of the value of the vehicle. Inclusion of motor vehicle theft offenses in the code allowing courts to revoke offenders' driving privileges. Authorization for the court to order home detention for offenders under 18 years old, in addition to other penalties; and

WHEREAS, A-3806 and S-2819 also propose creation of the grants for underage Auto-Theft Risk Deterrence ("GUARD") Program, a \$7 million initiative to support community-based organizations in deterring youth from criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, the Bernards Township Committee of the Township of Bernards believe that, with the collective efforts of the State Legislature, law enforcement agencies, and the community, immediate action can be taken to collaboratively address these challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards supports the objectives of A-3806 and S-2819 as introduced and urges the legislature to expedite the review and approval of these bills.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the members of the New Jersey State Senate, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor of State of New Jersey, The Assembly Judiciary Committee, and the League of Municipalities.

Agenda Date and Vote: 03/12/2024

CERTIFICATION

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Christine V. Kieffer, Municipal Clerk



Ordinance of the Township of Bernards

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ORDINANCE #2547

An Ordinance of the Township of Bernards
Appropriating \$1,035,000.00 for Various Capital Improvements

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards in the County of Somerset, New Jersey that the sum of \$1,035,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Improvement Fund for the following purposes:

A	\$310,000.00	Engineering Projects including, but not limited to sidewalk improvements, drainage improvements, and retaining walls.
B	\$725,000.00	Purchase of Motor Vehicle Fleet Replacements including, but not limited to DPW Equipment Vehicles, Passenger Vehicles and Trailers

Any grant moneys received for the purposes described above hereof shall be applied to direct payment of the cost of the improvements and shall reduce the amount authorized from the capital improvement fund to the extent that such funds are so used.

The period of usefulness is five years or more. The capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistencies herewith and the resolutions promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing all detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services is on file with the Township Clerk and are available for public inspection.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication in accordance with law.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

This ordinance funds a portion of the 2024 capital items contained in the proposed 2024 Capital Budget that require initiation in order to receive the most competitive bids and to allow the Township to begin necessary repairs and improvements. The remaining Capital requests for Street & Roads, Buildings, Fleet, Fire, First Aid, Engineering, Grounds, Police, Systems Administration, and Parks and Recreation, will be requested after the Budget is adopted.

Sean McCarthy, CFO
Date: 03/05/2024